

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached hereto as a separate page.

-- A banding packing machine capable of inexpensively detecting the end of a band reel, thereby contributing to a reduction in cost. In a banding packing machine having a back pool box in a packing machine body and serving to feed an unused band (B) stored in the back pool box and a band from a band reel, the rotating speed of a touch roller is detected when a further required amount of band is being pulled out of the band reel by band-feeding means. ~~It is decided that~~ wherein the band is not left in the band reel if the rotating speed is not changed but the rotation is carried out at an almost constant speed, and the tip portion of the band does not arrive at the predetermined position of a band guide arch. Then, the driving operation of a normal rotating roller is stopped based on the decision signal. --